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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN BUDGET FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

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1. AS GENEVA AND DEPT AWARE, AUSTRALIA WITHDREW FROM ICEM IN 1973, ALTHOUGH IT IS CONTRIBUTING ABOUT US\$450,000 TO ICEM IN FY1974, IN WINDING DOWN ITS PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE TO FUND TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING POSITIONS UNDER ICEM FOR NEXT TWO YEARS AT ANNUAL COST OF AROUND US\$75,000, LARGELY COMPRISING SALARY OF TEACHERS INVOLVED.

2. MAGNITUDE OF AUSTRALIAN BUDGET FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE IS PARTLY A MATTER OF DEFINITION. IN LARGE SENSE, ENTIRE AUSTRALIAN BUDGET FOR DEPT OF IMMIGRATION, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION OF OFFICES ABROAD, AND CAPITAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECEIVING AND ASSISTING MIGRANTS, COULD BE DEFINED AS REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, SINCE MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ARE NOT ALWAYS DISTINGUISHABLE. FOR FY1974 BUDGET FOR DEPT OF IMMIGRATION IS ABOUT US\$96 MILLION. INTAKE OF MIGRANTS IN FY1974 IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 110,000 PERSONS.
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